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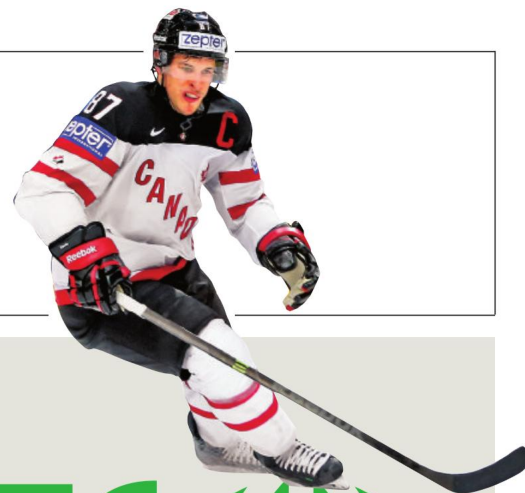
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CITY HALL

Mayor, council not so satisfying

A new survey reveals that resident confidence in Halifax's municipal government has taken a sharp drop.

According to the quarterly round of the Urban Report Survey released by Corporate Research Associates Inc. on Wednesday, consumer confidence among Halifax residents has fallen and rests at 95.9, down from 100.8 three months ago.

This is in addition to the decline of citizens' satisfaction in council and Mayor Mike Savage's leadership.

The survey reports that six of out 10 Halifax residents say they are pleased with the performance of our municipal government, which is down eight percentage points from February.

An official with the research group attributes the fall in grade to the fact that the city experienced one of its hardest winters in decades.

The report is conducted as an independent telephone survey of adult residents and consists of 400 residents in Halifax.

The group says the survey was conducted from April 21 to May 6, with an overall margin of error of 4.9 percentage points, 95 out of 100.

METRO



Mike Savage

Staff urge 'no' to Halifax joining Blue Dot crusade

ENVIRONMENT

Organizer still has hope city minds can be changed



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

The local organizer of a national campaign to have environmental rights recognized as human rights is hopeful that Halifax will still pledge its support, despite a recent staff report that recommends otherwise.

Katie Perfitt of the Blue Dot campaign — a project of the David Suzuki Foundation that advocates for creating an Environmental Bill of Rights in Canada — says she presented the project to the city's environment and sustainability standing committee several months ago.

At that time, she asked HRM to declare its support for environmental rights, such as access to safe drinking water.

However, in a new report going to the committee Thursday, staff is recommending against supporting the campaign and bringing the question to regional council.

"I don't think this is an issue that's dead in the



Volunteers work on a mural at Dalhousie Ocean Science Building during the Halifax Blue Dot Kickoff last year. JEFF HARPER/METRO

water," Perfitt said on Wednesday.

"We really need to call on our municipal councillors to be visionaries for change and move forward despite this recommendation."

The report outlines how the recommendation is based on the fact that the regional plan already supports the vision of a healthy environment, as well as the campaign's lack of

48

The number of municipal governments that have passed declarations in support of environmental rights as human rights.

clarity for intergovernmental implications and potential

legislative changes.

"I understand where their concerns come from but I also think if these concerns were well-founded that 50 other communities wouldn't have passed these declarations," citing that cities across Canada have already joined the cause.

She explained the declaration is primarily aspirational and does not imply new regulations be enacted or support

for any specific political party.

Rather, Perfitt said it's a chance for the municipality to step up and send a message to other levels of government that environmental rights are important to citizens.

"The declarations are really affirmations at the ground level that the people in our community support this idea to a right to a healthy environment," she said.

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Bruce Stewart shows some of the progress of an archeological dig in Dartmouth on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Dartmouth history unearthed

EXCAVATION

Greenway Canal Project reveals 'heart' of the city



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The heart of Dartmouth is being uncovered, one stone at a time.

After years of waiting, contractors and archeologists had their first steps back in time this month as part of the old canal system built in the 1800s was revealed under the corner of Prince Albert Road and Pleasant Street.

"It's quite an amazing experience," said Bruce Stewart, archeological consultant and president of CRM Group, during a site visit Wednesday. He stood in the turbine chamber 12 feet underground, water dripping down stone dating back to the 1860s.

Regional council has approved \$1.2 million for this phase of the Dartmouth Canal Greenway Project, which will see the unearthing of the canal

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Regional council has approved \$1.2 million for this phase of the project, which will see the unearthing of the canal and reconstruction of the site.

and reconstruction of the site originally built in 1829 as a series of five locks.

Those locks were never used because the company went bankrupt, Stewart said, but a second canal system was built in 1862 when it became a marine railway that carried boats via a pulley up to Sullivan's Pond, eventually connecting with other lakes and then all the way to the Minas Basin.

The site ties so many significant parts of Dartmouth history together, Stewart said, from the river that had been used for thousands of years by local Mi'kmaq, to logging runs when lumber was used for the first buildings in Halifax, then the canals and Starr Manufacturing Plant.

Terry Gallagher, manager of facility design and construction for the city, said the boats were



Kyle Cigolotti, left, and Sarah Ingram, right, work away at unearthing the Dartmouth canal archeological site on Wednesday.

JOSH BROWN/FOR METRO

pulled via water falling into the turbine chamber and turning the machine, which was even used by the Starr Plant later built over the property.

Contractors and engineers craned their heads to take in the arches in the turbine pit during Wednesday's visit, as

Stewart pointed out the original Irish mason's markings of asterisks and the letter "H" carved into the grey rock.

During the excavation, Stewart said, they've found pieces of architectural interest as well as multiple skate blades, which would have come from the

Starr Plant.

Bernie Hart of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission said the move was "a long time coming" and has been involved with the project since the 1980s.

"It will give kind of a heart to Dartmouth that we haven't

had in the past," Hart said.

"A nice greenway corridor running right through our city, and this will be one of the highlights."

Excavation will continue for two weeks, Gallagher said, then a tender for reconstruction will go out at the end of May.

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Premiums won't soar due to standards of service: Expert



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Concerns that operational details of HRM's fire service could send insurance premiums soaring for some homeowners are over-exaggerated, according to the regional vice-president of the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

Amanda Dean said that calculating home insurance is complex and multifaceted, explaining that fire protection is "just one piece of the insurance puzzle."

The prospect that insurance rates could increase based on fire service standards was

addressed in the Fire Underwriters Survey — from an organization that hands out fire-insurance grades to communities in HRM — and included in the much-debated Fire Services Operational Review.

The survey warns that without dedicated crews of four to staff aerial trucks on the Halifax peninsula and in Dartmouth, the trucks' catchment areas would suffer lower grades and potentially higher insurance premiums upwards of \$1.5 million.

"Insurers aren't monitoring how many people are on every fire truck," Dean said Wednesday, adding that the survey is not used by every company to assess fire protection but acts as only one option.

Fire risk is assessed much more broadly, she explained, such as by examining a particular community's history of claims going back a number of years and even a property's proximity to a fire hydrant.



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Amanda Dean,
Insurance Bureau of Canada



A firefighter inspects damage to a house in Sackville after a fire in 2012. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

"One change that would impact one potential peril for a homeowner is not going to significantly change insurance premiums for anyone living throughout the community," Dean said.

Home insurance is also an extremely competitive market, she added, noting that Nova Scotia has more than 50 companies that are trying to sell products to their customers.

Even if changes to HRM's fire

service would impact insurance rates, prices would vary from company to company, and customers always have the option of shopping around, Dean said.

Other factors, such as claim history as well as age and make

of a building, would still be considered.

"To say that home insurance premiums are going to skyrocket due to one potential peril, that's a big overexaggeration," she said.



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Nova Scotia has the highest number of long-term-care beds per capita in the country. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Long-term-care system at the brink

SENIORS More beds not the answer, says deputy health minister

Building more long-term-care beds is not the answer for an unsustainable system strained by a rapidly aging population, says Nova Scotia's deputy health minister.

Peter Vaughan told the legislature's public accounts committee on Wednesday that the provincial government currently spends more than \$800 million on continuing-care services, about 20 per cent of the overall health budget.

Vaughan said that if costs continue to rise, long-term help could become even harder to access for seniors, who comprise 17 per cent of the province's population.

"If we continue to focus on that one area alone, then we have a sustainability problem going forward with our aging baby-boomer population," said Vaughan.

With nearly 8,000 beds in the province, Vaughan told the committee there are 2,126 people on the waiting list, in-

cluding 1,940 waiting at home and 186 in hospital.

Vaughan said the average wait for a long-term-care bed is nine months, with actual waits of anywhere from 30 days to one year.

He said there is a need to expand care at home in order to reduce reliance on long-term care in a province that has the highest number of long-term-care beds per capita.

"We know people with access to care and services when needed can stay in their homes longer," said Vaughan.

"Our services must be designed to help them do exactly that."

2017

When a new long-term-care strategy from the province will be ready.

Vaughan said there are plans to build an additional 79 beds this fiscal year but he later told reporters that there were no plans to add more in the immediate future.

NDP Leader Maureen MacDonald said the beds were actually announced by the former NDP government prior to the 2013 election campaign, and the government's inactivity in adding more really amounts to a moratorium.

"We'll have a cost at some point," she said.

"The numbers of seniors don't go away."

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POLITICS

Prime Minister making N.S. visit

For the second time in less than three years, Prime Minister Stephen Harper is visiting Nova Scotia's electoral district of Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley.

Harper is expected to attend a private party function on Thursday in Truro, and there's speculation the prime minister will make an announcement at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre in Truro early Friday.

Area MP Scott Armstrong said he couldn't confirm that the prime minister was in fact visiting the riding.

"MPs don't comment on the prime minister's schedule; that is something the Prime Minister's Office would do," said Armstrong, when asked about the visit.

But a source with knowledge of the visit says it's a go.

Harper last visited the riding in August 2012 when he

attended a party rally at Amherst Regional High School.

He also made an announcement at Aulac, N.B., on the same day.

The visit coincided with Armstrong's appointment as the chairman of the party's Atlantic caucus.

It was the first visit to the riding by a Conservative prime minister since Kim Campbell visited Truro in 1993 when Bill Casey was the MP. TC MEDIA



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Two men charged in prostitution case

INVESTIGATION

Victims are predominantly young females, police say

Two men from Nova Scotia are facing six charges, primarily in relation to prostitution.

The Windsor men, both in their early 20s, are charged

with procurement, living off the avails of prostitution, making death threats on social media and making threats to distribute illicit images, assault, breach of probation and operating a common bawdy house at 490 Wiley Ave.

Cpl. Luc Cote with the Windsor RCMP said charges were laid last weekend. Cote said he couldn't comment on aspects of the investigation into the alleged bawdy house as the

matter is before the courts. He did say he hopes people will come forward with more information, either through the RCMP or Crime Stoppers.

"We believe there are more victims out there," Cote said. "Some of the charges are extortion, so you can imagine what that can entail." He added more charges may be laid on the upcoming court date.

"When you're dealing with young persons, they don't have

+ COURT DATE

Justice T. Hunter, 23, and Myles W. Card, 21, are the two men charged. Both will appear in court Thursday for a show cause hearing.

the ability to provide consent to a lot of these activities," he said. HANTS JOURNAL



The RCMP in Nova Scotia are investigating a prostitution ring in the Hants County area. KING'S COUNTY REGISTER

CRIME

Sketch of robbery suspect released

Do you recognize this man?

Halifax Regional Police released a detailed sketch Wednesday in the hope the public can help track down one of four men they say robbed a 19-year-old woman on Jan. 17 in the city's south end.

The victim reported to police that she was walking along Tower Road at about 9 p.m. that night when she passed by the four men before hearing "footsteps from behind."

"One of the men pushed her up against a brick wall and began yelling in Arabic," a police news release said. "He held her against the wall while the other men went through her backpack and took ... cash from her wallet."

The four robbers, who all appeared to be in their early 20s, took off toward Point Pleasant Park, the victim told police.

+ CONTACT

Anyone who recognizes the suspect in the sketch or has other information about this incident is asked to call police at 902-490-5016 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477.

She described the man drawn by a police sketch artist as having a dark complexion, medium build and a "full, thick beard." He was wearing a dark winter jacket with white stripes down the sleeves and a dark tuque at the time of the crime.

Two of the robbers are about five-foot-eight or five-foot-nine and appear to be of Middle Eastern descent, police said. The other two robbers had thinner builds. METRO



A police sketch of the robbery suspect. CONTRIBUTED

IN BRIEF

Lock doors, windows: Police in a Nova Scotia community are warning residents to lock all doors and windows after two break-and-enters Tuesday night.

The break-ins occurred on Medway River Road in Charleston, Queens County. Police say the thieves

gained entry through insecure doors. Numerous items were stolen, including money and prescription medication. There are no suspects as yet, and police are asking anyone with information to contact the Queens District RCMP or Crime Stoppers. TC MEDIA

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BUSINESS

Entrepreneur bikes his Bandha Bars across Halifax



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

One might wonder where Ryan DesRoches gets all his energy.

The 28-year-old Halifax resident can often be seen riding his bike in rain, shine and even snow, a small trailer holding a plastic tub in tow, to deliver his handmade, homegrown snacks to coffee shops and grocery stores around town.

DesRoches came up with the idea for Bandha Bar two-and-a-half years ago. He now delivers his all-natural, gluten-free and vegan-friendly energy bars to 35 locations across the municipality.

"I loved energy bars, ate a ton of them when I was racing as a competitive cyclist," the Charlottetown native said Wednesday inside his south-end Halifax apartment. "And I decided to create my own."

Every Sunday, the young company founder and CEO, along with a handful of enthusiastic part-time employees, gather in a commercial kitchen near the Armdale



Ryan DesRoches, owner of Bandha Bar, cycles down Tower Road on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Rotary to make up a batch of about 1,300 bars for the entire week.

DesRoches was training to become a yoga instructor at nearby Halifax Yoga on Purcells Cove Road when he realized there was demand for locally made organic treats to help fuel health nuts such as himself.

That demand is growing, the young entrepreneur said, explaining Bandha Bar will rent out a new kitchen in



The name is a word used in yoga in the Indian language Sanskrit, and it means 'bound energy.' So when you eat a Bandha Bar, you naturally get the energy from the bound-up ingredients.

Bandha Bar founder and CEO Ryan DesRoches

north-end Halifax full-time starting next month, taking over an Oxford Street space from a former catering com-

pany.

"I talked to a dietitian about the formula and I wanted to have enough protein to

make the bar satisfying, and have less sugar and only natural sugar," DesRoches said of coming up with the Bandha Bar recipe. "From there, I experimented with my food processor."

The final product consisted of "fruits, nuts, seeds and pure, unsweetened dark chocolate," and was dubbed "cashew cocoa," he said, with two additional flavours invented since. DesRoches is hoping to produce more than

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9,000 bars weekly at his new location.

Currently, Bandha Bar is sold out of 48 locations in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

"My goal is to continue making them by hand and to package them professionally, so they can be sold ...all across Canada," he said, adding he wants to keep production as environmentally sustainable as possible.

The label is made out of recycled paper, plastic wrapping is recyclable, delivery boxes are reused, and DesRoches has cycled to Truro and P.E.I. to deliver his product. Time will tell if he'll be delivering a box of Bandha Bars to customers in, say, British Columbia.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Drive-in could be returning to Sydney

Hot summer evenings spent at the drive-in could become a reality again in the Sydney area.

Although final details won't be known until some time next week, Cape Breton Drive-In spokesman Angelo Sifnakis said Wednesday he was "99.9 per cent" confident "that we will open, but from there I'm going to ask the community to support the drive-in."

Sifnakis is going on a business trip this weekend to discuss further options with industry colleagues and will keep the public informed through the drive-in's Face-



What I can tell you is that by next Tuesday or Wednesday, I'll have more news to let the people know what is going on.

Cape Breton Drive-In spokesman Angelo Sifnakis

book page.

"My goal is to open the Cape Breton Drive-In hopefully either the last weekend in May or probably June 5 would be a more realistic date," he said.

"Because of being closed for the long winter, we've had some damage to some of the property and everything

else, which is going to take some time.

The drive-in closed down after the 2013 season, making the Valley Drive-In in Coldbrook the only location up and running across Nova Scotia. CAPE BRETON POST





ORIGAMI PAPER CRANES POP UP IN BUS SHELTERS Colourful origami cranes dangle from a bus shelter on North Street on Wednesday. The cranes have been decorating random bus shelters in town this week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

ATLANTIC CANADA

Oil exports, housing hurting economy

Declining international energy exports and a soft housing market have contributed toward uneven growth in Atlantic Canada in early 2015.

The Atlantic Provinces Economic Council says that continues an economic trend seen in 2014.

Senior policy analyst Fred Bergman says as a result, the region's labour market lost 7,000 jobs in the first four months of the year, with about

25 per cent being full-time positions.

Bergman says international exports declined by 20 per cent in the first three months of 2015 because of a 33-per-cent drop in energy exports, but continued growth in the U.S. economy should boost non-energy exports.

The region's non-energy exports actually increased by 11 per cent over the same period with gains in the sales of lob-

REAL ESTATE

Starts expected to decline

The report says housing starts increased three per cent in the first quarter as a result of condominium and apartment starts, but Can-

ada Mortgage and Housing Corp. forecasts housing starts in the region will decline by four per cent in 2015.

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sters, salmon, frozen french fries, potash, fine paper and lead, but low oil prices are like-

ly to restrain energy exports for the remainder of 2015.

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Mall prank gets girl, 16, house arrest

CRIME

Threatening note led to busy shopping centre closure

A teenage Cape Breton girl was sentenced Wednesday for her role in a crime that shut down the Mayflower Mall in December and cost merchants an estimated \$200,000 in lost sales.

The 16-year-old, and a 16-year-old male co-accused, both pleaded guilty to a charge of converting a false message in relation to the incident on Dec. 28 at the mall where they both worked at the one of the food court enterprises. The boy was also scheduled to be sentenced

closed for the day. Neither of the accused admitted to actually typing the note which was left in the mall stockroom and found by another mall employee who turned it over to security who called police.

The note said there were five armed gunmen in the mall along with numerous explosive devices under vehicles in the parking lot which were triggered by motion sensors.

"This one of the biggest days of the year at the mall," said Drake, adding one estimate placed the loss to merchants at \$200,000.

Police, fire and ambulance services were all summoned to the mall which was evacuated and the parking lot was shut down to anyone attempting to enter the facility. The mall reopened after a four-hour closure.

"I was prepared for an actual terrorist attack," said mall general manager Greg Morrison, reading a victim impact statement. Morrison noted that small towns are no longer immune to such violence and such threats create panic and fear as people are keenly aware that such attacks can happen anywhere at anytime.

As for the teen herself, she made a tearful apology to the court and the mall and was supported by her parents who sat with her on the prisoner's bench. CAPE BRETON POST

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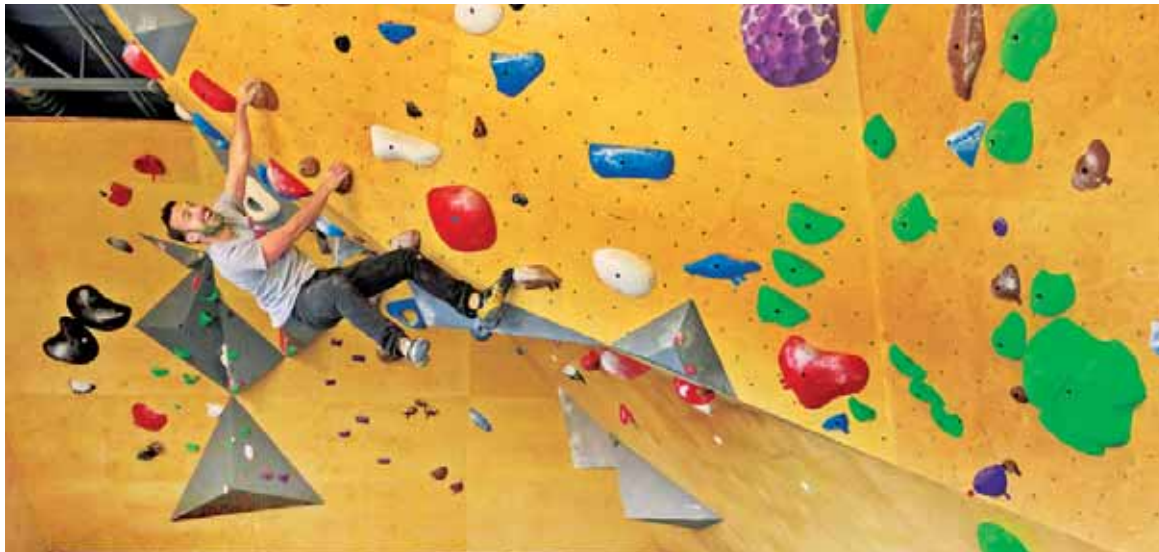
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Jean-Marc de la Plante is a fan of social climbers.

On Friday, de la Plante's new gym will open its doors at 2019 Gottingen St. to welcome seasoned climbers — as well as those who want to try the sport of bouldering for the first time.

"It's like wall gymnastics," de la Plante said with a laugh Wednesday afternoon from Seven Bays Bouldering, named for both the seven service bays in the old garage and the seven bays around Halifax.

Bouldering is a newer, more accessible form of rock climbing, de la Plante said, since there's no ropes involved but



Jean-Marc de la Plante, owner of Seven Bays Bouldering, climbs a wall at his Gottingen location on Wednesday. JOSH BROWN/FOR METRO

plenty of pads under the walls for protection if you fall.

Traditionally, the sport has been done outside on boulders, where people bring their own crash pads along, said de la Plante.

The series of routes or "problems" set along their 120-foot-long, 14-foot-high bouldering wall have been designed for all levels, de la Plante said, and were created by climbing guru Tonde Katiyo

as well as local staff.

Although Seven Bays will eventually have a café serving food, coffee and beer, de la Plante said it's not ready just yet since they are a few weeks behind schedule thanks

to the rough winter causing issues, such as a leaky roof.

However, de la Plante said they have already been hearing lots of excitement from local climbers eager to try out the space and he expects to

+ DETAILS

Seven Bays Bouldering will be open on Friday from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 2019 Gottingen St.

see a busy turnout for opening day.

De la Plante's family owns a Montreal bouldering gym, and he said this location will be managed by local climber Hana Ogasawara.

What really sets bouldering apart is the social nature of the sport, de la Plante said, which is very different from a typical gym where you show up, listen to music on your iPhone and don't talk to anyone.

"The minute you get on a problem and you can't do it right away, someone will say, 'Hey, why don't you put your foot here or do this,'" de la Plante said.

"It really builds friendship and community, and that's I think something that people crave a lot."



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Téa Duffy, 14, left, and Julia MacKeigan, 15, pose at Halifax Dance after rehearsal with the Young Company. The company will perform Friday and Saturday at Sir James Dunn Theatre at the Dalhousie Arts Centre. ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO

Sowing the seeds of love — for dance

ARTS
Teens learn independence from Halifax company

Aly Thomson
 For Metro | Halifax

Four teenage girls gracefully rollick across the floor of a rehearsal space at Halifax Dance in the city's downtown, swinging their flexible bodies to the beat of a southern guitar lick. The room is warm from hours of bodies continuously moving. As the instructor calls out eight counts, the girls are smiling through red faces, huffing and puffing while making precise shapes with their arms and legs.

The dancers are part of Hali-

fax Dance's Young Company, a group of about two dozen of the city's pre-professional dancers, ranging in age from 14 to 19.

They've been intensely working on the contemporary dance choreography since January, culminating this weekend with two back-to-back shows at Sir James Dunn Theatre.

Artistic director Ruth-Ellen Kroll Jackson said the company, the culmination of training at Halifax Dance, is about instilling a love of movement in teens.

"My goal is to foster a love of dance," said Kroll Jackson. "Not all of them will go on to be professional dancers... Maybe they'll go into arts administration, or maybe they'll just put their kids in dance."

"It's about allowing them to see dance as a valuable art form."

But with two intense prac-

tices a week, the company is a serious commitment that demands dedication.

"They have a lot of responsibility," said Kroll Jackson, who was a dancer in the original Young Company some 28 years ago.

"They have ownership of the material that they're given and it's up to them to rise to the challenge."

The dancers agree.

Sixteen-year-old Olivia MacLean said the company has empowered her to be self-reliant.

"There's a lot of times where it's on you to know what's going on, to know what your choreography is and know where your costumes are," said MacLean, sporting thick black-rimmed glasses.

Outside in the lobby of the dance school, 14-year-old Amelia McGrath laughs and chats with other dancers after rehearsal.

"It's like we're a family," said McGrath in a hushed tone. McGrath said she was once

very shy, but the company helped her break out of her shell.

"Before (Young Company), I wouldn't have been talking to you right now," said McGrath of being interviewed. "I've definitely become a lot more social."

Kroll Jackson said the company also allows certain dancers to shine who may not stand out in a ballet class or in other more traditional forms of dance.

"We have choreographers that come in and use the body that's in front of them, and they end up making something spectacular," said Kroll Jackson, who danced professionally in New York City for nearly a decade.

"You're just wowed by this dancer who you wouldn't normally look at. To me, that's the most exciting thing about Young Company."

The Young Company will perform Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Sir James Dunn Theatre.

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HECKLING INCIDENT

Two soccer fans to be banned from facilities

Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE) said two fans from Sunday's Toronto FC game will be banned from MLSE facilities for no less than a year after a vulgar confrontation with a local reporter.

The two men being banned are Shawn Simoes — a Sunshine List employee being fired by Hydro One — and Ryan Hart, according to MLSE. This is an "indefinite suspension," the organization said.

MLSE is still looking for two other goateed men who appeared in the footage with CityNews reporter Shauna Hunt, who both said the viral phrase "F—k her right in the p—y."

MLSE is reviewing its own

+ VIRAL

The incident has gone viral and also brought comments from federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay, who praised Shauna Hunt for asking the abusive fans why they felt they had the right to be so offensive.

security video of the verbal attack on Hunt.

The video "will be an element of their investigation," MLSE spokesperson Dave Haggith said on Wednesday. "Our security is in the process of investigating."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quigley to star on Game of Thrones



Jeremy Nolaïs
Metro | Calgary

He's trained and cared for just outside of Calgary, but soon Quigley will star as the big wolf in Westeros.

The four-legged lupine, one of 30 belonging to area resident Andrew Simpson, is featured in a few scenes of the wildly popular HBO show Game of Thrones.

Simpson, through his company Instinct Animals For Film, has been training wolves and other animals for big-time Hollywood shoots for more than two decades. He's been involved in projects like the movie Elf, Borat and the Final Destination series, but conceded being part of HBO's popular fantasy drama may be a credit that tops them all.

"The popularity of it, you mention Game of Thrones anywhere in the world and everybody knows it," he said.

Quigley stars in the show



Quigley, pictured, will star in an episode of Game of Thrones. CONTRIBUTED

as Ghost, the direwolf belonging to fan-favourite underdog Jon Snow. He actually appeared briefly in the already-aired Game of Thrones' Season 5 premiere, but it's scenes in the soon-to-air seventh episode where he really struts his stuff, Simpson said.

"In the first one (episode), he was in a courtyard with Jon Snow," Simpson recalled. "In the seventh one, he was doing a lot of snarling and attack stuff."

IN BRIEF

Man convicted in Via train terror plot to undergo psychiatric assessment

An Ontario judge has ordered a mental-health assessment for a convicted terrorist who plotted to derail a passenger train, saying the evaluation could help him determine sentencing. Justice Michael Code ordered the assessment Monday after Chihab Esseghaier said he had been created by God to "warn mankind" about "hell-fire" if the Qur'an wasn't followed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Omar Khadr case returns to Canada's top court

The case of former Guantanamo Bay prisoner Omar Khadr returns to Canada's top court for a third time on Thursday, as the federal government fights to have him declared an adult offender for crimes he committed as a 15-year-old. The dispute centres on whether the eight-year sentence a U.S. military commission handed him for war crimes should be interpreted as a youth or adult sentence. THE CANADIAN PRESS



DART DIGS IN NEPAL Members of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) clear a road in the village of Sankhu, Nepal, on Sunday in this handout photo. Lt.-Col. Ed Izatt, DART's commander, said the work is allowing the flow of aid and essential goods to areas affected by a devastating earthquake, which has claimed more than 8,000 lives. Canada has about 200 DART personnel in Nepal. DND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tories move to exempt Mounties from charges

LONG-GUN REGISTRY

Government says change fixes 'loophole'

The Harper government moved to retroactively rewrite Canada's access-to-information law in order to prevent possible criminal charges against the RCMP, The Canadian Press has learned.

An unheralded change buried in last week's 167-page omnibus budget bill exempted all records from the defunct long-gun registry, and also any "request, complaint, investigation, application, judicial review, appeal or other proceeding under the Access to Information Act or the Privacy Act" related to those

old records.

The unprecedented, retroactive changes are even more odd because they are backdated to the day the Conservatives introduced legislation to kill the gun registry, not to when the bill received royal assent. The date effectively alters history to make an old government bill come into force months before it was actually passed by Parliament.

A source familiar with the complaint, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the government moved out of concern Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault is poised to rec-

ommend charges against the Mounties for withholding — and later destroying — gun registry documents while the legislation was still being debated.

Indeed, shortly after the story broke Wednesday, Legault's office announced it would be tabling a special report Thursday detailing an investigation into the long-gun registry and an access-to-information request.

The government feels no one should face a penalty for being overly eager to enforce the will of Parliament before the legislation had been voted into law.

A spokesman for Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney would

only say the retroactive law will fix a "bureaucratic loophole" that allowed citizens to request heavily redacted copies of the gun-registry data while the legislation to destroy the data was before Parliament.

The retroactive changes in the budget bill leave access-to-information experts aghast.

"It seeks to rewrite history, to say that lawful access to records that existed before didn't actually exist after all and that if you exercised your quasi-constitutional right of access to those records, well, too bad, you're out of luck," said Fred Vallance-Jones, an associate professor at the University of King's College in Halifax and an expert in access-to-information law.

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MILITARY

Feds to fully follow sexual-misconduct report

The military accepts and will implement all 10 recommendations from a hard-hitting report on sexual misconduct in the military, Defence Minister Jason Kenney said Wednesday.

And he said the government also intends to introduce a victims' bill of rights for the military.

The government went on the offensive as opposition politicians responded to a CBC report that suggested the military was ready to ignore some recommendations from the sexual-misconduct inquiry.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau said they were concerned about the report, which said Canada's chief of defence staff told the military to be prepared to ignore certain recommendations.

The CBC said that even before the report by retired justice Marie Deschamps was made public, Gen. Tom Lawson told senior officers to disregard some of her recommendations. Among other things, Deschamps recommended that an independent agency be set up outside the mil-

itary chain of command to handle sexual-misconduct complaints.

The military initially accepted all of the recommendations "in principle," but Kenney made it clear Wednesday in the Commons that all of them would be implemented.

"The Canadian Armed Forces has accepted not two, but, once again, all 10 of the recommendations made by Madame Justice Deschamps," he said in question period.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay, meanwhile, said there may be

+ NEW BILL?

Defence Minister Jason Kenney told the defence committee that a victims' bill of rights for the Forces has been in the works and will be introduced soon.

ways to take some sexual-assault cases out of the military justice system entirely and deal with them in the regular courts.

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PHILADELPHIA TRAIN WRECK INJURES HUNDREDS, KILLS AT LEAST SEVEN In this aerial photo, emergency personnel work at the scene of a passenger train wreck in Philadelphia on Wednesday. The Amtrak train was hurtling at more than 160 kilometres per hour before it ran off the rails along a sharp curve where the speed limit is just 80 km per hour, killing at least seven people, federal investigators said Wednesday. PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another boat found at sea off Malaysia

ROHINGYA REFUGEE CRISIS

Denied citizenship by Myanmar, they are stateless

Another boat, this one crammed with 500 Rohingya Muslims and Bangladeshis, was found off Malaysia's coast Wednesday, an activist and an official said, as the international community called on Southeast Asian governments to open their borders and step up search-and-rescue efforts. Thousands of migrants are believed to be stranded at sea.

It was not immediately clear if

those off-loaded near the city of Penang would be given refuge, said Zafar Ahmad, a Malaysian human-rights activist. Their vessel was discovered hours after a maritime official warned that new arrivals would be given food, water and then sent on their way, unless their boats were sinking.

The country has already accepted more than a thousand refugees since Sunday. Wednesday's boat would make it 1,500.

Indonesia, which has taken 600 such refugees, turned a boat away earlier this week. But a foreign-ministry spokesman denied Wednesday it had a "push back" policy, saying the vessel strayed into its waters by accident. Armanatha Nasir told reporters

the migrants were looking for neighbouring Malaysia.

"We have to help refugees who need assistance and direct them to where they want to go," he said. "It goes against our principle to chase away refugee boats that enter our territory."

Southeast Asia, which for years tried to quietly ignore the plight of Myanmar's 1.3 million Rohingya, now finds itself caught in a spiraling humanitarian crisis that it helped create.

Denied citizenship by national law, the Muslims are effectively stateless. In the last three years, more than 100,000 members have boarded ships, fleeing persecution, according to the UN refugee agency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Minecraft YouTube's most streamed game

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The video-streaming service announced Wednesday that content featuring the virtual brick-building video game has been watched more than any other interactive title in the 10 years since YouTube launched.

"There are over 42 million Minecraft videos on YouTube today," said Ryan Wyatt, YouTube's global head of gaming content. "It's crazy because

Minecraft is also the second most searched term."

In honour of the streaming-video site's 10th anniversary, YouTube released a list of the top 10 most popular games that have been streamed since the site debuted in 2005. Grand Theft Auto arrived in second place, followed by League of Legends in the third spot and Call of Duty in fourth place. FIFA rounded out the top five. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tumblr creates safer social media space

Actress Elizabeth Banks, singer Jordin Sparks and U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden are among those helping Tumblr establish a safe place from bullies online.

The celebrities appear in videos on the blogging website to launch its new #PostItForward campaign, which organizers say is aimed at building a virtual community where it's safe to discuss personal issues such as sexuality, mental health and self-esteem. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

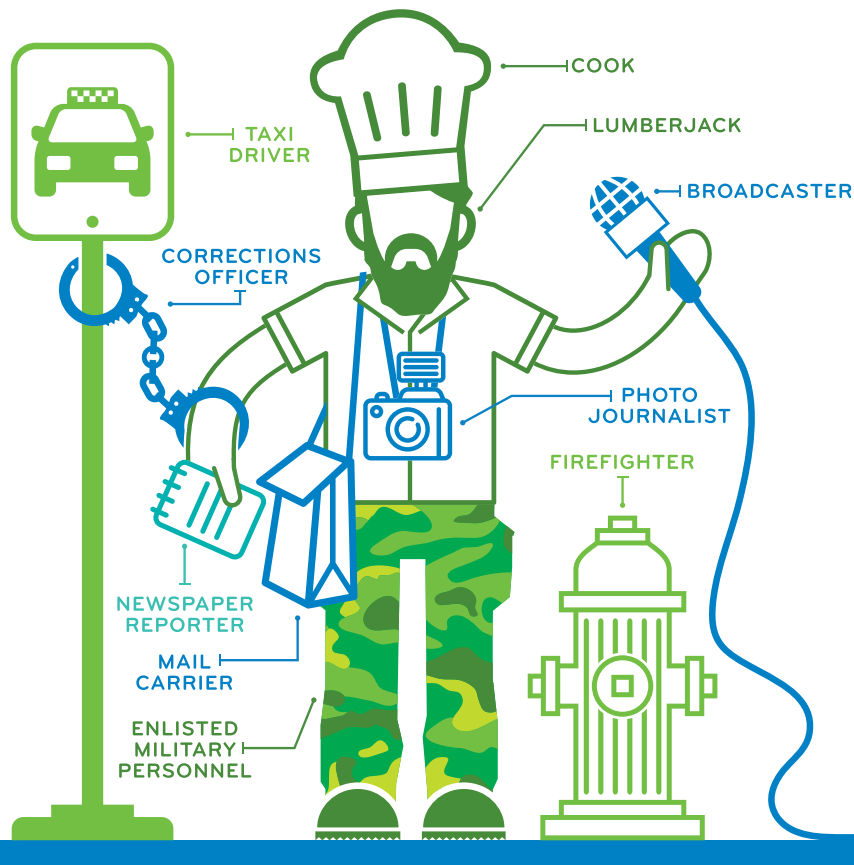
Liba Rubenstein, Tumblr's director of outreach, causes, politics and advocacy, said the story of transgender teen Leelah Alcorn, who programmed her Tumblr page to post her suicide note, is among many heartbreaking experiences shared on Tumblr. Rubenstein said the new blog will aggregate such stories and highlight users' positive experiences with social media. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



CALIFORNIA DROUGHT NURTURE YIELDS TO NATURE Epic drought is reshaping the golf course at California's El Niguel Country Club, above, and dozens of others. Pressed by a fourth year of bone-dry weather, some of the finest courses are ceding back to nature some of their manicured green, tearing out grass, installing smart watering systems and letting turf turn a little bit brown. GREGORY BULL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canada's ad men reflect on lost era

ADVERTISING

Chauvinism, liquid lunches of 1960s Mad Men long gone

As the critically lauded cable series Mad Men approaches its finale on Sunday, Canada's own ad men and women say the world of Don Draper and Peggy Olson is gone for good.

Social change has done away with the liquid lunches and casual chauvinism the show depicts as cornerstones of the 1960s advertising industry, and advertising instructor Michael Rosen says the industry itself has shifted in subtle ways.

Draper, the show's central character, is at his best in the pitch meetings, deftly selling his ad agency's services to executives from Kodak, Hilton and Lucky Strike. Rosen, who teaches advertising at Toronto's

Humber College, said Draper's skills at building relationships with clients will never go out of style. But he adds that the advertising industry has moved from an emphasis on keeping clients happy to the creative side of the business.

The switch from sales to creative is even evident in office fashions, Rosen said, as the natty suits and expensive watches of Draper and his associates have been replaced by casual wear and tattoos.

Tyler Turnbull, CEO of the Toronto office of FCB, one of the largest advertising agencies in the world, said agencies have become more collaborative since the Mad Men era.

Gillian Graham, CEO of the non-profit Institute of Communication Agencies, says the industry still relies on the personal magnetism that Draper exemplifies. "It's a relationship business — always has been and always will be," she said.

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IN BRIEF

American Apparel faces defamation suit

Former CEO Dov Charney has filed a defamation lawsuit against American Apparel. Charney, who was fired from the retailer in December, has been the subject of lawsuits that allege he had inappropriate sexual conduct with female employees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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“If we’re paralyzed by our sense of doom, we’re the problem.”

You can’t write off Chris Hedges.

He delivers such dire news in his new book, it’ll likely depress you, and then you’ll feel guilty for doing nothing about it. Then you might want to brand him an extremist, so you won’t have to take him seriously. But that won’t assuage your guilt.

In *Wages of Rebellion, The Moral Imperative of Revolt*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist chronicles the people who can’t keep quiet.

They are lawyers, preachers, anarchists, civil-rights activists — people fighting for change, sometimes without hope that change will come. Think Nelson Mandela, Edward Snowden and anti-fracking Alberta preacher Wiebo Ludwig.

“It’s about facing systemic injustice” without asking if you’ll succeed, Hedges told me. “It’s about the obstinacy of faith.”

These rebels are rare, and their politics vary widely.

“Eccentric and strange, half-brilliant, half-insane,” he said. You might not want them running your country, “but they’re absolutely necessary for seismic change.”

It’s hard to disagree we need change: climate change and corporate greed destroy the environment, democratic elections often fail to bring change, government surveillance diminishes liberty, a frightening inequality of

wealth exploits the poor.

Hedges argues the rich and powerful — the sole beneficiaries of all this — are the enemies. If the rest of us are paralyzed by an overwhelming sense of doom, we’re part of the problem.

“The gap between who we are and who we think we are is steadily expanding,” Hedges writes.

I have to agree. We think we’re good until we think of injustices we’re doing nothing to end.

It’s also easier to accept rebels when they’re somewhere else. We cheer protests in the Middle East, but despise Occupy protesters, who forced us to look at ills in our society we’d rather not dwell on.

I am not innocent. I am no revolutionary. But I won’t condemn people as “crazy” when they shred the facade. And I won’t dismiss Hedges for issuing, in this book, his call to arms for all of us to demand something better.

“My job is to speak the truth,” Hedges said. “Not looking, or pretending that things aren’t as bad as they are, or that everything will get better, is suicide.”

The worst part of his book is the way it doggedly, repeatedly asks: what kind of person, really, are you?

That is, Hedges said, the defining question. It’s not what you did in life, it’s “what you stood for.”

Péladeau could lose, if pigs fly

POLITICS

Chantal Hébert



If media tycoon Pierre Karl Péladeau does not win the leadership of the Parti Québécois hands down, pigs will fly in Canada’s political sky for the second time in the space of a month.

To anyone familiar with the PQ leadership campaign, anything short of a first-ballot victory for PKP against his remaining two rivals Friday would come as a surprise, second only to the NDP outcome of last week’s Alberta election.

PKP has been cast as the prohibitive front-runner in the race to replace Pauline Marois since the defeated premier resigned on election night 13 months ago. In fact, he was tagged as her successor-in-waiting as of the moment that he ran in the provincial riding of Saint-Jérôme in last year’s election.

Former PQ minister Jean-François Lisée was so convinced that Péladeau was unbeatable that he decided not to run. His ex-cabinet colleague Bernard Drainville — the recent champion of the PQ’s controversial secularism charter — quit the campaign last month rather than face the humiliation of a distant finish.

Even before Drainville threw his support to Péladeau,

there was little suspense about the likely outcome of this contest.

For a good many party members, PKP walks on water. For many of the aging baby boomers who currently make up the age group most likely to support the PQ, he is a corporate-savvy champion that may yet lead Quebec to sovereignty in their lifetimes.

In other circumstances, a recent spate of media stories portraying the front-runner as a man with a remarkably short fuse and a tendency to intemperate outbursts might have given pause to his supporters.

But so strong (or so blind?) is the hope that PKP believers have invested in his capacity to restore the momentum of their dormant cause that many put the negative coverage down to the fear that he supposedly inspires in federalist quarters.

Questions as to the propriety of a party leader owning Quebec’s largest French-language media empire have similarly been dismissed as partisan cheap shots rather than omens of potential conflicts of interest to come.

And yet there has been little in Péladeau’s leadership campaign to give Quebec’s federalists cause to quake in their boots or, for that matter, to justify the faith that he inspires in his followers.

The best that can be said about his performance on

the leadership hustings is that it improved along the way. By almost any standards, that still leaves him well short of the skill sets of his most formidable predecessors.

PKP boasts less political experience than any of the party’s previous seven leaders. He has nowhere near the eloquence of René Lévesque and Lucien Bouchard or the understanding of public policy of Jacques Parizeau and Bernard Landry.

Public opinion polls have suggested that he could have beaten the ruling Liberals in an election this spring.

But the next campaign is more than three years away, and the PQ’s score in recent byelections was not that of a party surfing on the popularity of an incoming star leader.

It earned a measly eight per cent of the vote in the francophone riding of Lévis last fall. Earlier this year, the party kept its long-held seat of Richelieu with a smaller share of the vote than its score in last year’s general election.

Support for sovereignty remains tepid, and Péladeau has studiously avoided committing himself to holding a referendum in the first mandate of a PQ government.

The party tent has shrunk dramatically since the last time it had a leadership campaign a decade ago. Back then, it had 140,000

There has been little in PKP’s campaign to give federalists cause to quake in their boots or to justify the faith he inspires in his followers.

members. Less than half of that number signed up for this month’s leadership vote.

Over the past four months, the candidates have debated in front of audiences that were typically awash with grey heads.

On that score, the last debate of the campaign last Thursday in Montreal was no exception.

In contrast, there were plenty of younger Quebecers in attendance for a thousand-strong pre-election rally starring NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair the next night.

The sight of a federal NDP leader drawing a bigger francophone crowd in Montreal than the latest saviour of the once-mighty Parti Québécois is as close as one will probably come to watching pigs fly in Quebec this spring.

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Even mayors can't fight city hall

What does it take to be a good mayor? It may be as simple as being so-so. "Mediocracy is the word," says Philip Slayton, author of *Mayors Gone Bad*, a profile of some of the most run-amok mayors Canadians have elected into office in recent years.

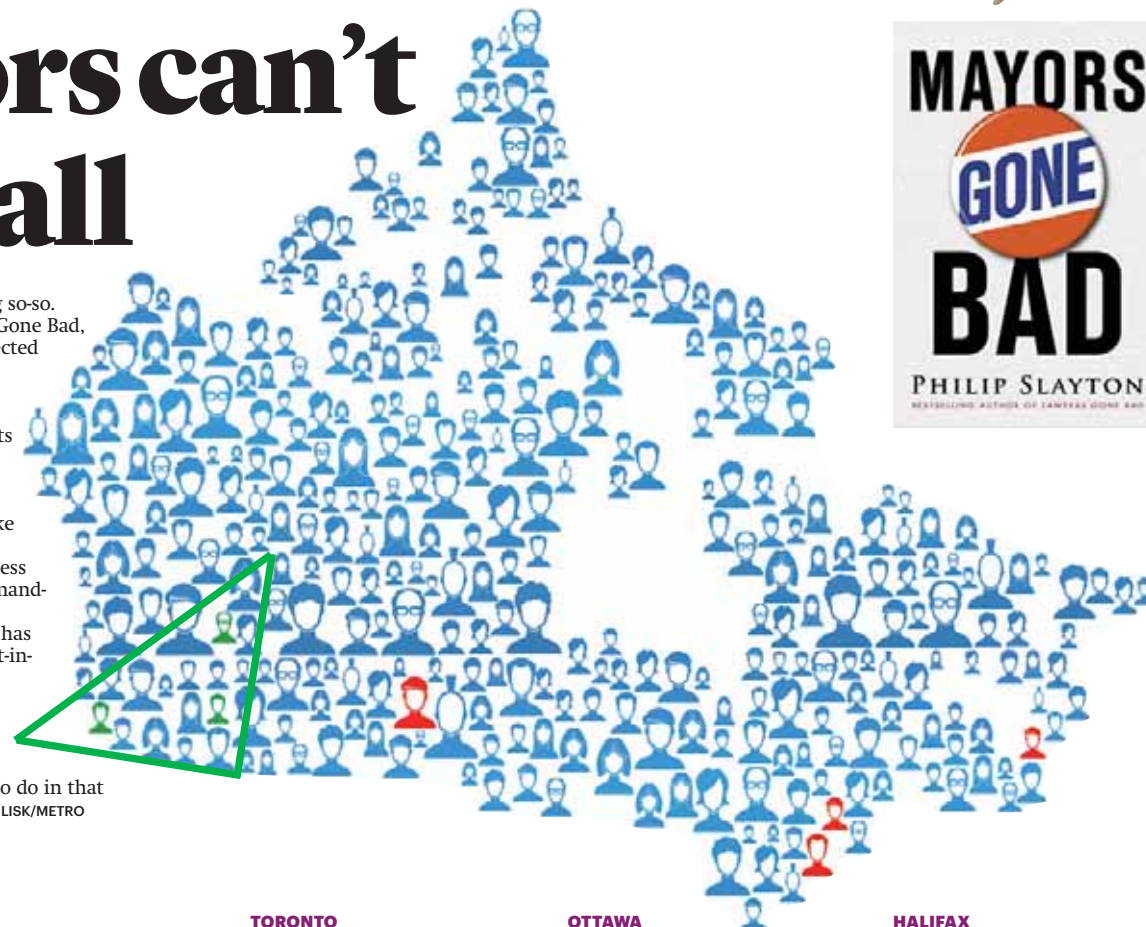
"Even if you are not yourself a mediocre person, you will have mediocracy thrust upon you if you become mayor. And, it will be thrust upon you because of the constitutional, economic constraints you can't escape."

More than a collection of stories about the personalities who have made a mark — usually for the worse — the book is a call for constitutional reform to give mayors and cities more power to make decisions for themselves.

When Canada's constitution was put in place, "Cities were way less important than they are now, and far less complex and far less demanding," says Slayton, whose book comes out Tuesday.

Slayton says the issue is not restricted to Canada. New York City has a bigger budget than a lot of countries, but the mayor has to go hat-in-hand to the governor of the state to get funding.

"You don't need to know a whole lot about municipal politics to realize that a mayor has very little power," he says. "That, I think, is partially the explanation why a lot of deadbeats end up in the job. Because, serious people, who understand what it is all about, will take a look and say, 'this is not for me. I can't do what I want to do in that position, I can't benefit the community in a substantial way.'" DEAN LISK/METRO



SLAYTON'S OPINIONS ON...

THE WEST

Nenshi, Iveson and Robertson

While a newspaper writer mentioned a "western triangle of mayoral goodness," referring to Naheed Nenshi of Calgary, Don Iveson of Edmonton and Gregor Robertson of Vancouver, Slayton writes in his book they all exemplify the impotence of the office.

"They are smart, confident, able people, but my point is despite that, they don't seem in my view to be accomplishing a lot at all — and that is because they are unable to, given the constraints put on their office."

WINNIPEG

Sam Katz

Slayton says the mayor, a successful businessman who served from 2004 to 2014, was dogged by conflict of interest allegations (he hosted a roughly \$3,000 Christmas lunch for councillors, some municipal employees and their families at a bistro he also owned). "Not a disaster, but someone who could have been a lot more effective and a little more sensitive to the issue of government."

TORONTO

Rob Ford

"I find Rob Ford a lot more complicated than some people do," admits Slayton. "I think the secret to Rob Ford was that he somehow got the little guy, and was appealing to the little guy, and related to him in a way that even people who weren't 'a little guy' found appealing," says Slayton of the Toronto mayor from 2010 to 2014, who has admitted to smoking crack.

OTTAWA

Larry O'Brien

"I think his big problem was that he was a very successful businessman, he made a lot of money in business, but he knew next to nothing about municipal government," says Slayton about the mayor who served from 2006 to 2010 and was acquitted of criminal charges months after being elected. "He just decided it would be a nice thing to be mayor of Ottawa."

HALIFAX

Peter Kelly

"He was a very inadequate mayor," says Slayton about Kelly, who served from 2000 to 2012 and got mixed up in the bungled execution of a will that blighted his political career. "Someone with poor judgment, somebody who had tendencies towards grandiosity as he went along; someone who seemed out of touch with reality."



Canada is the largest export market for California wines. ISTOCK

WINE IMPORTS

Canadians down \$1 billion's worth of U.S. wine

Canadian consumers have expressed a preference for U.S. wines over French and Italian bottles, according to new consumer reports.

That preference helped sales of American wines — mostly from California — reach a record-breaking \$1 billion in 2014.

According to the Wine Institute of California, Canada is now the largest export market for California wines: Last year, Californian winemakers sold a record 6.1 million 9L cases of wine to their northerly neigh-

bours, outpacing traditional import sources such as France, Italy, Australia, Chile, Argentina and Spain.

Analysts credit an aggressive marketing campaign, new product innovations and diverse offerings for driving sales.

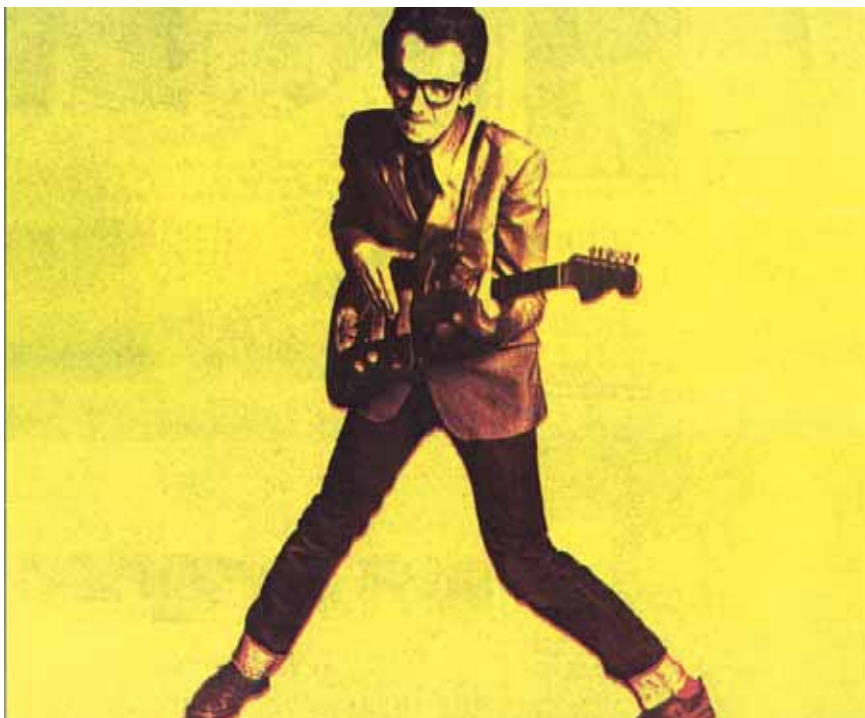
For comparison, while U.S. wine sales grew at a rate of 78 per cent over the last five years, the overall wine market in Canada grew 16 per cent, says the Canadian Vintners Association.

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• **Canada's wine consumption to grow at twice the rate of the rest of the world**
Meanwhile, another report produced by global trade group Vinexpo shows that per capita wine consumption in Canada is expected to grow at twice the rate of the rest of the world, to reach 16.4 litres per adult in 2018 — or an overall increase of nearly 8 per cent.

• **Canada is the seventh largest importer of wine**
The latest Vinexpo figures also show Canada is the seventh largest importer of wines. Vinexpo projects a 10 per cent growth in wine consumption in Canada by 2018. The biggest wine importing countries are Germany, followed by the U.K., U.S., China and Hong Kong and the Netherlands.



Stiff Records crafted the image of Elvis Costello, giving him Buddy Holly glasses and warning him 'don't f—ing take them off.' CONTRIBUTED

An ode to the reign of Elvis

NEW RELEASE

Richard Crouse's book on Costello full of fun facts

Liz Brown
Metro | Life

The 1970s in Britain was a decade of unemployment, labour unrest and massive inflation. In short, a breeding ground for pissed off youth with no money, no hope and a hell of a lot of time on their hands.

The decade of discontent spilled into the music world as big, bombastic rock bands grew physically distant from their fans as they played larger and larger arena shows. People began for searching something that spoke to their anger and frustration.

Enter snarly, stripped down sounds played by guys named Rat Scabies and Johnny Rotten and women like Poly Styrene.

It was in this world that Declan McManus toiled in pub rock bands around London. He was a suburban dad who dreamed of getting his break in the music biz as he slaved at his day job as a computer operator at Elizabeth Arden.

That break came by way of the freshly minted Stiff Records, a label that defied labeling. Stiff founders Jake Riviera and Dave Robinson saw in McManus a talented musician and songwriter, but a guy in need of a makeover. They gave him Buddy Holly glasses with the instructions "don't f—ing take them off." They dressed him in a narrow lapelled suit jacket and rolled stovepipe jeans. And they christened him with a new name because, according to McManus himself, the moniker Declan evoked images of "a guy in a cable-knit sweater singing whaling songs." The year was 1977 and Elvis Costello was born.

In his new book, titled *Elvis is King: Costello's My Aim is True*, film critic, Metro columnist and Costello super fan Richard Crouse details the making of the musician and his debut album. The book is a snapshot of a turbulent time in Britain's music history. Through the book, Crouse examines Costello's stylistic songwriting but, like most fans, is reticent to pigeonhole the singer-songwriter into one musical category. Instead, he analyzes the individual tracks and links them to the time and Costello's own life.

"I can honestly say that probably a week hasn't gone by since I first heard that record that I

“**Welcome to the Working Week is a song that gets played in the house at least once a day**”
Richard Crouse

haven't listened to at least part of it," says Crouse in a recent interview. "Welcome to the Working Week is a song that gets played in the house at least once a day."

Crouse was a 14-year-old in Liverpool, N.S. when his brother brought him *My Aim is True*.

"When I listen to this album, I'm immediately transported back to a very specific time in my life. My mom was ill for the entire time I was growing up and she died when I was 15 years old. I was this kid who was at home watching this woman who I adored get sicker and sicker and there wasn't going to be a magic cure that came along and it pissed me off. And this record was the sound of my anger in a lot of ways," he says.

In the book, Crouse writes of the album, "joy is fleeting" seems to be Costello's overarching message here."

Indeed, Costello taps a universal truth: Life is hard and unfair, but you have to keep rockin' on.



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Best picks from Cannes

FILM FEST

The best, brightest (and sometimes oddest)

Matt Prigge

Metro in New York City

From a movie about the lonely-hearted turning into animals to an action film from a legendarily snail-paced filmmaker to a sex epic to multiple iterations of John C. Reilly, this year's Cannes Film Festival proves that prestige doesn't mean pomposity.

Here are 10 we're most goosed to see.

Carol

Todd Haynes' first theatrical feature in eight years takes the playful director back to the past, and back to another author of hard-boiled fiction. This time, instead of James M. Cain he's doing Patricia Highsmith, and not one of her pulpy page-turners either, but a romance, between a 20-something department store clerk (Rooney Mara) and an older woman (Cate Blanchett).

The source, *The Price of Salt*, is notable not only as lesbian fiction from the 1950s, but lesbian fiction from the 1950s that doesn't end in tragedy, as most do.



Louder Than Bombs is the much-anticipated English debut by Danish filmmaker Joachim Trier. ALL PHOTOS HANDOUT

Dheepan

The thrillingly unpredictable French filmmaker Jacques Audiard makes another out-there segue, going from the mismatched semi-romantic drama of *Rust and Bone* into this look at a Sri Lankan Tamil warrior who winds up just outside Paris working as a caretaker. Previously, Audiard made a remake of the '70s classic *Fingers* (*The Beat My Heart Skipped*) and a polyglot prison epic (*A Prophet*).

The Lobster

Our pick for our most anticipated Cannes film finds Yorgos Lanthimos, of the genius *Dogtooth*, heading outside Greece to round up a

dreamy international cast — including Colin Farrell, Rachel Weisz, Lea Seydoux, John C. Reilly, Ben Whishaw and more — for another fit of high-concept absurdity. The hook here is a dystopian future in which people are given a small window to pair off; if they don't, they are turned into animals and released into the wild. Yep! *Lanthimos* is a whiz not only with crazy premises but in how he shoots them.

Louder Than Bombs

Details on this English-language debut by Danish wunderkind Joachim Trier (a distant relative of Lars von) are fuzzy, but it's been described as being a *Rashomon*-esque look at a dead war photographer (Isabelle Huppert) and her two sons, one of them played by Jesse Eisenberg. Trier has previously made films about the miseries of being 20-something (*Reprise*) and the miseries

of being 30-something (Oslo, August 31), so it should be interesting to see him straying slightly outside his comfort zone.

Mon Roi

If you know actress-turned-filmmaker Maiwenn, it's likely as the blue tentacled opera diva from Luc Besson's *The Fifth Element*. But she also directed a number of films, including 2011's razor sharp *Polisse*. This features an impressive French thespian cast, including Vincent Cassel, Louis Garrel, Isidore Le Besco and Emmanuelle Bercot, who herself directed fellow Cannes '15 player *Standing Tall*, the first film directed by a woman to ever open the fest.

Mountains May Depart

Jia Zhangke has long been a thorn in the side of officials in his native China, who have routinely censored and banned his hyper-critical, abstract films. He turned a corner with *A Touch of Sin*, which was more accessible than his past works but no less scathing. We're assuming the same applies to his eighth feature, which also boasts three

stories, albeit all over time: one in the '90s, one in the present and one in 2025.

Sea of Trees

It's actually been a long time — since 2008's *Milk* — since Gus Van Sant has made anything worthwhile, and since 2007's *Paranoid Park* that he made anything great. If nothing else, his latest should be beautiful, unfolding in Japan's *Suicide Forest*, where two men (Matthew McConaughey and Ken Watanabe) run into each other while looking to take themselves out. Sounds dopey! But so have other previous, great Van Sants.

Tale of Tales

John C. Reilly pops up again and in a second international production, this time opposite Salma Hayek as a king and queen in this battering ram of 17th-century folk tales, told by Gomorrah filmmaker Matteo Garrone. Garrone has said the stories offer commentary on today's world, and it should be interesting watching the semi-realist filmmaker doing a semi-pricey Euro fantasy, also



Shu Qi in *The Assassin*.

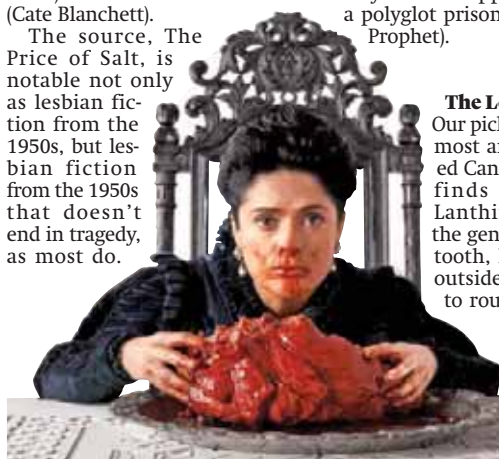
featuring Vincent Cassel (again), Stacy Martin and Toby Jones.

The Assassin

It's hard to believe Taiwanese master Hou Hsiao-hsien hasn't made a feature since 2008's *The Flight of the Red Balloon*, and even harder to believe it's a martial arts movie featuring one of his regular actors, Shu Qi. Still, we're betting it's more Hou than King Hu, with plenty of chances for his signature long takes, choking mood and plays with how we process memory. Or it may just be Shu Qi hurting people, which would be cool, too.

Youth

Speaking of Italian filmmakers, The Great Beauty's Paolo Sorrentino is yet another filmmaker heading over to the English language, though he's done that before, with 2011's underrated *This Must Be the Place*. (That's the one with Sean Penn looking very Robert Smith.) This one has Michael Caine and Harvey Keitel bumming around the Alps, acting like leering old men. Also along for the ride are Paul Dano, Jane Fonda and (also again) Rachel Weisz.



Hayek in *Tale of Tales*.

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Scott Foley on scandal making

Scott Foley teased *Scandal* fans when it appeared his character, Jake Ballard, had been stabbed to death.

After the episode aired, Foley tweeted, "So there it is. Thank you Twitter for tonight and all of the Thursday nights. It's such an honour."

The next episode of the ABC drama revealed that Ballard had survived the attack.

In a recent interview, Foley broke down the tweet in this way:

"I said I've loved doing the show, which I have. I think I

said 'there it is,' which it was. I've loved being a part of this show, which I have.

"Everything was present tense and I may have been leading people on."

Reaction to the scene was "sort of like reading your own obituary," he said.

"There's something very strange about people talking about you like you're no longer there and I'm there.

"And I'll tell you the most interesting and sort of disheartening thing was reading really intelligent analysis of it

where people believed that I was gone and the end would be something like, 'We love *Scandal*, but we think this is probably best for the show, so goodbye Jake. Thanks so much.'

"And I thought, 'That's not really what I wanted to hear. I'm still here.'"

If Ballard had died, it would have been the second time that producer Shonda Rhimes had killed off Foley's character. He played Henry Burton, who died on *Grey's Anatomy*.

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Scott Foley stars in *Scandal*. CONTRIBUTED

SCARJO'S GOLDEN CURVES; MAD MAX INCURS MISOGYNISTIC FURY

Mathematically, Scarlett's perfect

As far as ideals of perfect physical beauty, one from all the way back in Ancient Greece seems pretty tough to argue with, yeah? That's at least what lingerie brand Bluebella seemed to be thinking when they

checked to see how a bevy of female celebrities stacked up against the "Golden Ratio" of curves (1.618 for all you math nerds out there).

According to this very scientific study, Scarlett Johansson is as "close to physical perfection" as any living celebrity thanks to her ratio of 1.560. Kim Kardashian came in second, while Helen Mirren nabbed third.

MRAs calling for Mad Max boycott

It looks like word of the secret girl-power bent in Mad Max: Fury Road has reached those lovable, reasonable folks in the Men's Rights Activists movement. One blog, Return of Kings, is calling for a full-on boycott

of the souped-up action movie.

"Men in America and around the world are going to be duped by explosions, fire tornadoes and desert raiders into seeing what is guaranteed to be nothing more than feminist propaganda," Aaron Clarey writes.

"Hollywood is a garbage propaganda machine which spews out

this feminist drivel filth into the minds of today's young audience. Even though science has told us and proven, that men are physically stronger than women, it is nonetheless discarded by the forces driving this feminist nonsense."

Honestly, isn't this, like, the best endorsement a film can receive?

NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

Putting the biz in showbiz

Business ownership is the latest must-have among women on the A-List. Here are some celebs that are cashing in on their stardom. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

More celeb women using star power to start businesses

These days, one of the most-coveted roles among A-list actresses is business owner.

Oscar winner Halle Berry is one of the latest female celebrities to start a business. She launched Scandale Paris last year, a line of lingerie sold at Target stores.

For decades, famous faces have been hired by big corporations to sell hair dye, lipstick and high-end fashion. But now, more female celebrities are taking control and starting their own businesses. It's also helping some balance career and motherhood.

"Having a business like this, I can do more work at home, be with my family," said Berry, who is co-owner and creative director of Scandale Paris. "I have two little kids now. I can't travel around the world and do a movie like I used to."

Walmart shoppers can pick up lip gloss, mascara and perfume made by Flower, a makeup brand co-owned by actress Drew Barrymore. Fitness fanatics can buy a pair of yoga tights from Fabletics, an online seller of workout gear co-founded by actress Kate Hudson.

"It's way more lucrative than making one movie a year," said Jo Piazza, author of Celebrity, Inc.: How Famous People Make Money.

Berry stumbled upon Scandale Paris during a trip to France. Founded more than 80 years ago, the brand was struggling because the undergarments were too expensive, Berry said. She called her business partner, Erik Ryd, and they bought the company. In October,



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Barrymore was approached to start Flower by makeup company Maesa after the actress and producer's five-year endorsement deal with cosmetics company CoverGirl ended. VICTORIA WILL/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Scandale's \$7 panties and \$18 bras began selling at Target. In France, they're sold at Carrefour.

Berry is involved with the design of the lingerie and chooses fabrics, even as she films the second season of CBS show Extant. In the next few months, Scandale Paris will be sold in Canada, Asia and more European countries.

Male stars have always had their hand

in business ownership, said Piazza, but more women are getting into the game. Owning a business gives stars the potential to make more money over a longer period of time than with short-term endorsement deals. And they have a better chance of succeeding than an average small business owner, since stars come with built-in customers: Their fans.

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Halle Berry Scandale Paris

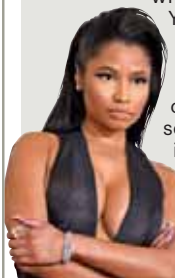
The Oscar winner's line of \$7 panties and \$18 bras went on sale at Target stores last year.

Berry wants to expand the brand into swimsuits and nightgowns, but first, Scandale Paris lingerie will be sold in more international stores later this year.



Nicki Minaj Myx Fusions

The Anaconda rapper co-owns bubbly moscato maker Myx Fusions with Mona Scott-Young, the producer of VH1's Love & Hip Hop. Myx Fusions Moscato comes in single-serve bottles and in three flavours: mango, coconut and peach. Up next for Myx Fusions: A line of fizzy sangrias.



The Jessica Simpson Collection

The singer, actress and reality TV star started her brand a decade ago. Its clothing, shoes and accessories are now sold in several department stores, including Macy's, Nordstrom and Dillard's. Her mother, Tina Simpson, is the company's creative director.



Reese Witherspoon Draper James

The star of Wild, Walk the Line and Legally Blonde fame started online shopping website Draper James last week.

The company sells Southern-inspired fashions and home goods, including \$125 shorts, a \$155 tote bag and \$175 sunglasses.



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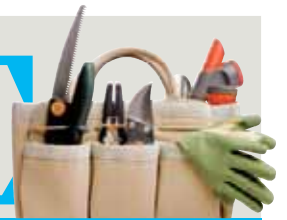
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Two-bedroom resale condos offer the complete urban living experience with a tad more space for couples with tiny tots or someone who is downsizing from a house. Older condo buildings also tend to offer larger floor plans. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO



\$284,900

Halifax

This bright, two-bedroom suite in the popular Roxbury condo building at 202 Walter Havel Dr. is minutes away from Bayers Lake and downtown. The open-concept layout boasts a large wrap-around balcony and nine-foot ceilings. There's a spacious master bedroom with a walk-in closet. Amenities include a fitness centre with two saunas and a hot tub. The condo fees include heat and hot water. Listing agent is Thomas Bagoglio from the Bagoglio Team, RE/MAX nova, 902-830-9006.



\$274,900

Winnipeg

This bright and open-concept suite is in the Bridgewater Forest community. It has an oversized balcony and a kitchen with white quartz countertops and dark espresso cabinets, stainless-steel appliances, central air conditioning and ensuite laundry. Shops, golfing, and public transportation are nearby. Listing agent Chris Kenny is a sales representative with Re/Max Professionals, 204-899-4858.



\$500,000

Edmonton

A stunning oasis in the sky is how this unit is described. The highrise downtown condo has both east and south-facing balconies offering panoramic views. It's within walking distance from the downtown core. The large master bedroom features a walk-in closet and ensuite. A private den off of the kitchen makes for a great office. Sheldon Johnston is a sales representative with Liv Real Estate, 780-441-5576.



\$449,000

Vancouver

This suite in the trendy Mount Pleasant area, listed at \$449,000, sold at press time for \$444,900. Spacious and bright, it includes an updated kitchen with stainless-steel appliances and glass tile backsplash, skylights, laminate flooring, and a new bathroom. The living room has a cosy wood-burning fireplace and views of the mountains. Listing agent is Cathy Graham with Royal LePage Sussex, 604-984-9711.



\$458,900

Toronto

In a superb downtown location, this boutique condo has two bedrooms and two bathrooms, with nearly 800 sq. ft. of living space. Amenities include community barbecues, a meeting room, a fitness centre and gym, and an outdoor pool. There are also guest suites, a games and party room, and 24-hour concierge service. Listing agent Alex J. Wilson is with Re/Max Condos Plus, 416-996-5181.



\$339,900

Calgary

In a unique setting in Crescent Heights, this two-bedroom condo comes with two underground parking stalls, new flooring, an open living area, wood-burning fireplace, lots of storage space, and good counter space in the kitchen. The ensuite storage room is large and home to a full-sized stacking washer and dryer. Susan Harrigan is a sales representative for Homelife Cityscape Real Estate, 403-669-9112.



\$654,900

Ottawa

A unique suite resides in the midrise and award-winning Heritage School House Lofts in Hintonburg. A blend of classical and modern architecture, this hard loft has exposed brick and timber throughout the building. With more than 1,500 sq. ft. on two levels, it's also a great entertaining space. Listing agent Kerry Millican is a sales representative with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-290-2990.

Designers spill relaxed style tips

HOW TO

Meaningful bits and pieces help create laid-back look

It's a difficult compromise: Many of us want our homes to look as stylish and carefully designed as the ones we see in decorating magazines. But we also want them to be comfortable and easy to enjoy.

"A relaxed lifestyle is something people want more and more, and their homes are reflecting that," says New York City-based designer Young Huh. "The old rules of formal living, and therefore decorating, are disappearing."

Designer Kate Jackson, based in Rhode Island, receives that message from her clients.

"I am typically asked to create a space that can be used more by family and friends," she says, and to "lose whatever formality lives there."

Interior designers reveal how to do just that and achieve that perfect middle ground — gorgeous, relaxed style:

Go soft

Choose "seating that is comfortable enough to spend the

entire day lounging," Huh says, with plenty of pillows, throws and ottomans.

Use slipcovers rather than structured upholstery, and opt for durable, touchable fabrics, such as washable cotton, stone-washed linen or soft burlap.

For even more softness, layer smaller rugs on top of a larger one.

To add a burst of style, Los Angeles-based interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn suggests choosing bold, graphic stripes rather than solid-colour fabrics.



The old rules of formal living, and therefore decorating, are disappearing

Designer Young Huh

"Relaxed interiors don't always involve soft, muted colours and neutrals. They can be packed with colour and still be laid back and casual," says Flynn.

"I'm a huge fan of an all-white backdrop with tons of saturated colour introduced with old objects like canvas flags, old maps, and even torn and tattered handmade rugs," he says. "When the bold colour is introduced with texture and character, it adds a collected feel, almost like a sense of history."

Personal pieces

Relaxed rooms include items that have personal meaning, such as heirlooms that might be worn or tattered by time.

"Homeowners love when I incorporate special pieces that

they already own into their new design," Jackson says. "Whether it's a familiar wooden box placed in the bookcase or a framed black and white photo from eras past, items of sentimental value that mingle with more modern and fresh accessories easily make a room feel special. A well-curated collection of books adds wonders and layers of personality to a room, too."

Vintage items are "like buying that perfectly comfortable worn pair of jeans without having to break them in for years," Huh says. "Imperfect, worn things in a room make you feel that you can touch everything and can withstand the wear and tear of a life that's being fully lived."

With personal mementoes and hand-me-downs, consider scale — not too many huge

items or too many small ones — and combine colours or styles that work well together.

Functionality factor

Think about how you'll be using a space, and then choose furniture that will work for you. If you'll be watching movies, consider a sectional sofa where everyone can camp out together. If you'll entertain often, consider swivel chairs

that make conversation easier. It's all about your convenience: Locate side tables where you'll put down drinks. And if you'll be reading, place lighting exactly where you'll need it.

You might even want to re-think a room's purpose: "I've had clients ask me to repurpose their formal dining rooms to create a relaxed space that can be used on a daily basis," Jackson says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Langa, Abankwah enter CFL under controversy

FOOTBALL

Huskies alumni drafted but test positive for PEDs

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A couple of Saint Mary's Huskies alumni are moving on and up to the Canadian Football League, but their growing success on the field falls under a cloud of controversy.

Linebacker Jonathan Langa was selected 20th overall in the third round by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, while Melvin Abankwah was taken 50th overall in the sixth round by the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the CFL draft held Tuesday.

Only two other Atlantic University Sport football players — St. Francis Xavier X-Men linebacker Ron Omara of the Mount Allison Mounties and defensive back Kwame Adjei — made the list of 62 players chosen over seven rounds.

Last Friday, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport confirmed that five Canadian Interuniversity Sport football players provided urine samples "that returned adverse analytical findings for prohibited substances under the



Saint Mary's linebacker Jonathan Langa tackles Thomas Troop of the Acadia Axemen during 2014 Atlantic University Sport action in Halifax. Langa was drafted 20th overall Tuesday night in the CFL draft by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Canadian Anti-Doping Program."

The samples were collected between March 25 and 27 at the CFL combines in Toronto and Montreal, according to a news release.

Langa and Abankwah are two of those athletes who showed presence of anabolic agents. More specifically, Langa's test was positive for methandienone stanozolol, while Abankwah showed

methandienone in his system.

Saint Mary's defensive back Kayin Marchand-Wright tested positive for SARM-22, a selective androgen receptor modulator, while Huskies linebacker Marvin-James Golding showed

“They're playing with fire; this is not a joke.”

CFL communications director Paulo Senra

the same results. The only other player who was drug positive is Matthew Norzil from Université Laval.

Golding has decided to pursue a hearing, but the other four have received four years ineligibility from CIS sport.

For former SMU stars Abankwah and Langa, the CIS sanction won't apply since they're now going pro.

But the banned substances that showed up in their systems will put them one step behind as they start their CFL careers.

"For any player that is drafted into the league under these circumstances, they would have one strike against them," CFL communications director Paulo Senra said Wednesday.

"Should the player make the new team's roster and then test positive again, that player will be subject to an automatic three-game suspension. A third offence results in a one-year suspension, while a fourth one "would mean a full life-time ban from the league."

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Crosby relishing his role as leader

When Sidney Crosby decided to play at the world hockey championship after his Pittsburgh Penguins were ousted from the NHL playoffs, it didn't occur to him that his role on Team Canada would be much different than the last time he competed at the tournament.

Back in 2006, Crosby was a

fresh-faced 18-year-old who had just finished his rookie season in the NHL. Nearly a decade later, he has two Olympic gold medals, two Hart trophies and a Stanley Cup to his name.

"I never thought I was going to be one of the older guys on the team," the 27-year-old Canadian captain said after practice Wednesday. "But it's kind of worked out that way."

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Sidney Crosby
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2009

The last time Canada won a world championship elimination game. Canada has suffered quarter-final defeats in the past five tournaments.

He's still a big part of Canada's attack this year with three goals and four assists in six games, but he also provides veteran leadership for a talented but young team. That steady presence is crucial for Canada as it heads into its quarter-final match against Belarus on Thursday.

"He has provided tremendous leadership both on the ice and off the ice, as he should," said Canada coach Todd McLellan. "He's been to so many of these events. He's won so much that guys look to him and he continues to carry that torch for our country." THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Hawks snatch win away from Wizards

Al Horford snatched away an offensive rebound and dropped in the winning basket with 1.9 seconds left after Dennis Schroder's drive to the basket was blocked by John Wall, giving the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks an 82-81 victory over the Washington Wizards on Wednesday night and a 3-2 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Prior to that basket, Paul Pierce sank a three-pointer to give the Wizards an 81-80 lead.

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Al Horford scored 23 points, including the winning bucket. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Noted labour attorney assigned Brady's appeal

Noted labour attorney Jeffrey Kessler will aid in the players' union's planned appeal of Tom Brady's suspension.

The New England Patriots quarterback was suspended by the NFL for the first four games of the 2015 season for his role in the deflating of footballs. He has until 5 p.m. EDT on Thursday to file the appeal. His lawyer, Don Yee, and the union have said they will appeal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL PLAYOFFS

Rangers come back to close out Caps

Derek Stepan scored 11:24 in overtime, lifting the New York Rangers past the Washington Capitals 2-1 and into the Eastern Conference final Wednesday night.

Stepan's wrist shot from the left wing after he won a face-off — a rarity for the Rangers — capped a comeback from a 3-1 deficit in the series. The Rangers are the only team to manage that in successive years, doing the same thing to Pittsburgh in the second

GAME 7 In New York



round in 2014.

Alex Ovechkin scored in the first period for Washington, which has lost five Game 7s in as many tries when leading a series 3-1. Kevin Hayes tied it in the second. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Cristiano Ronaldo reacts after a missed chance during Madrid's Champions League semifinal loss to Juventus.

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BOXING

Pacquiao back home weighing up future

Manny Pacquiao returned home to the Philippines on Wednesday nursing his right shoulder after surgery and weighing up whether to retire or push for a rematch with Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Pacquiao, wearing a black shoulder brace and arm sling, said his immediate priorities were recuperating from surgery and his duties as congressman and family man. He said he injured his shoulder

during training for the May 2 fight which Mayweather won on a unanimous decision.

Pacquiao and his family arrived early Wednesday and rested briefly in his mansion in the Forbes Park residential enclave of Manila. He later joined fans, supporters and politicians for breakfast at a nearby hotel before a motorcade around the Philippine capital.

Thousands lined the streets

as his motorcade passed, waving, applauding and taking pictures of the 36-year-old former champion.

Sidewalk vendor Mary Jean Borgonia held up a white shirt with the words "Long Live, Manny" in the Filipino language printed in red letters.

"Even if he lost, for us he is still a winner," Borgonia said.

Pacquiao said when he recovers he'll make an "an-

nouncement for continuing my career or announcement for retirement."

The boxer is also going into the last year of his current term as congressman of southern Sarangani province. He did not indicate his plans for next year's elections, which could include running for his last term as congressman, or provincial governor or senator.

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Juventus knocks out holders Real

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Morata again haunts old club to set up final with Barcelona

Juventus came back from a goal down to draw 1-1 with Real Madrid on Wednesday and line up a Champions League final against Barcelona with a 3-2 victory on aggregate.

Former Madrid striker Alvaro Morata scored the priceless equalizer for Juventus against his old club in the 57th minute at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

Madrid was trailing 2-1 after last week's first leg in Turin and the defending champions looked to have turned the contest around in the 23rd minute when Cristiano Ronaldo scored a penalty to give his side a 1-0 lead.

But Morata's goal from close range meant there will be no all-Spanish final in Berlin on June 6. The deadlock was broken when Giorgio Chiellini brought down James Rodriguez with a clumsy challenge in the area and Ron-

SECOND LEG In Madrid



Juventus wins 3-2 on aggregate

aldo converted the penalty for his 10th Champions League goal of the season. Both sides had half-chances after the restart, but Morata made no mistake with his opportunity in the 57th.

Madrid goalkeeper Iker Casillas punched out a cross from Andrea Pirlo, Vidal lofted the ball back into the area and Paul Pogba, just outside the six-yard box, out-jumped Sergio Ramos to head the ball to the unmarked Morata. The 22-year-old Spaniard calmly beat Casillas with a left-footed shot on the bounce.

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IN BRIEF

Ex-FIFA vice-president banned for eight years

In a ruling that could lead to the downfall of more high-level soccer officials, FIFA banned a former vice-president for eight years for taking money from the now-disgraced Mohamed bin Hammam, one of the key backers of Qatar's successful World Cup bid.

Reynald Temarii breached five sections of FIFA's ethics code when he accepted 305,640 euros (\$343,000) to pay legal costs in a fight against FIFA from Bin Hammam in 2011, the governing body said Wednesday in announcing its ethics committee's verdict.

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- 1 large ripe banana, mashed (about ½ cup)
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ¼ cup reduced-fat sour cream
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 Tbsp whole wheat flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp baking soda
- 13 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Lightly coat an 8- x 4-inch loaf pan with cooking spray.

2. Using a whisk or an electric mixer, combine the banana, oil, sugar, egg, vanilla and sour cream in a large bowl until smooth.

3. In another bowl, combine both flours, baking powder and baking soda. With a wooden spoon, stir the dry mixture into the banana mixture until the dry ingredients are just moistened. Fold in the chocolate chips.

4. Pour into the prepared pan and bake for about 30 to 35 minutes or until a tester inserted in the middle of the loaf comes out clean. Let the loaf cool in the pan on a wire rack before removing and slicing into 8 slices.

Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 8)

- Calories 254
- Protein 3.2 g
- Carbohydrates 38 g
- Fibre 1.6 g
- Total fat 10.6 g

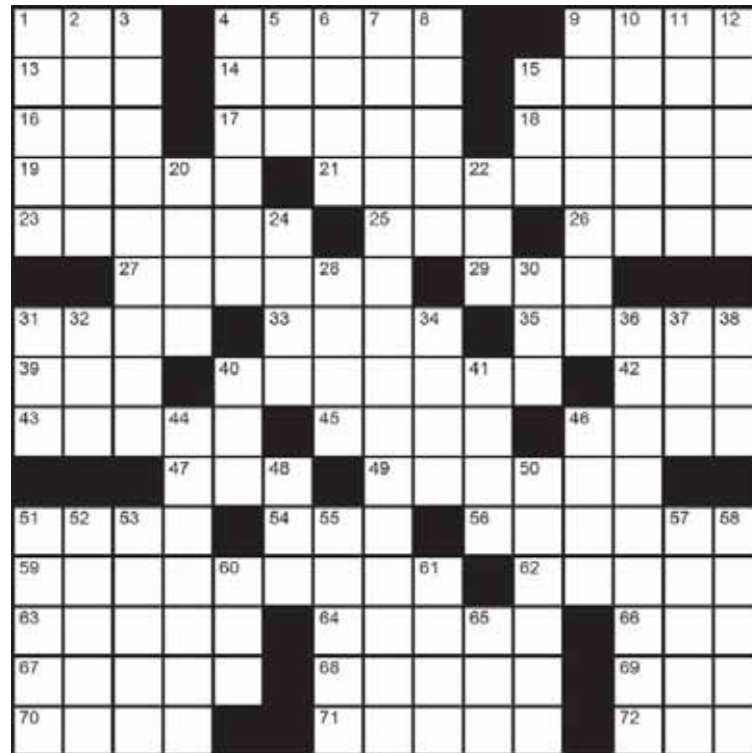
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Cdn. party
4. Serving of pie
9. -Fis friends
13. ___ Vos Prec (1920 T.S. Eliot volume of poetry)
14. Opera voice
15. Repeated words from protesters
16. Pro
17. Sonata's final movement, often
18. ___ Rica
19. Japan's capital
21. "The Grand ___" (2013) directed by Don McKellar
23. New York's capital
25. Bard's 'throughout'
26. Hamlet, current production at #59-Across, starring Toronto-born actor Jonathan ___
27. Immerse
29. Actress Lucy
31. Grade
33. Hurrays!
35. Beginning
39. "20/20" network
40. Maritime marauders
42. ___game show
43. 2002 Denzel Washington movie: name + letter
45. "I ___ a loss for words."
46. Garden invader
47. Tail'-meaning prefix
49. Early Julia Roberts movie, "___ Pizza" (1988)
51. "The cheque ___ the



- mail.": 2 wds.
54. Viral malady
56. Skull guy in Shakespearean tragedy Hamlet
59. Ontario city known for its plays Festival
62. Pine
63. Mr. Schreiber's
64. Egypt's capital

66. Philosopher, ___tzu
67. Meg's "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993) role
68. Toward the stern
69. AC/DC song
70. Search
71. Songstress Ms. Ronstadt
72. Uh-huh

DOWN

1. Can.-US-Mex. pact
2. Salivate
3. Green area seating; 2 wds.
4. Durable
5. Mr. DiCaprio, to pals
6. Travel lodgings
7. Babylonian king's

- law etched onto an ancient basalt stele at the Louvre in Paris; 3 wds.
8. Wear away from weather
9. ___ wedding
10. Music keyboard name
11. Fly ___ rage
12. Pedestal

15. Gladiator's 300
20. Pull
22. www address
24. Omar's "Doctor Zhivago" (1965) role
28. Superman's mother on Krypton
30. Cyclades island
31. Former British rule in India
32. Actress, Olivia d'___
34. Stick around
36. The Comedy Network = Canadian ___ channel
37. Earlier, old-style
38. Mr. Danson
40. Alphabetic trio
41. Online crafts buying/selling site
44. Vast region of Arctic in northern Quebec
46. Undercover tapping device
48. Not on
50. Car name
51. ___ Malvinas (The Falklands)
52. Author of Goosebumps stories, R.L. ___
53. "I Remember Mama" (1948) star Ms. Dunne
55. Regional
57. Heavy construction lifter
58. String problems
60. The Waste Land poet's monogram
61. Sigourney Weaver role, ___ Fossey
65. "Mayberry ___" (Classic television comedy)

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You don't lack for confidence at the moment but confidence can only take you so far. At some stage you will have to deliver on all the big promises you have made, to yourself and to others.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
It may seem as if time is running out, that if you don't start something now the opportunity will pass you by. Common sense should tell you that simply isn't true. You will always get another chance, so take your time and get it right.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You are coming to the end of one of the toughest times of the year and when the Sun moves into your sign a week from now your confidence will come flooding back. Take it easy for now.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try not to let praise go to your head today because there is a real possibility that someone is bigging you up just so they can knock you down again. Anyone who encourages you to take risks and cut corners is not to be trusted.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Something will happen over the next few days that seems like a setback, but later in the month it will become clear it was exactly the opposite, so stop worrying. Focus on the here and now.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Do not say anything you suspect may not be true. The words may not have come from you originally but the planets warn it is you who will take the blame. Never trade in gossip or hearsay.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Let others take care of you for a change. Life has been tough of late and you deserve a break — in fact you deserve a vacation. You will be working hard again soon enough.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may not be the most original member of the zodiac but you are certainly the most determined, so keep plugging away and don't worry that others seem to be doing better than you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A problem you have been grappling with may be tough but there is a solution, so keep asking and keep searching and you will find what you are looking for in the end.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The Sun remains in the most dynamic area of your chart for one more week, which means you still have time to start something new. Pay no attention to those who counsel caution.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Family and financial issues need to be dealt with fast, before they get even more tangled. The Sun's move into your fellow Air sign of Gemini next week suggests fun times.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You seem to have a lot to say for yourself at the moment, which is fine, but if you talk too loud and too fast you may miss something worth hearing, something that could both have made you money and saved you trouble.

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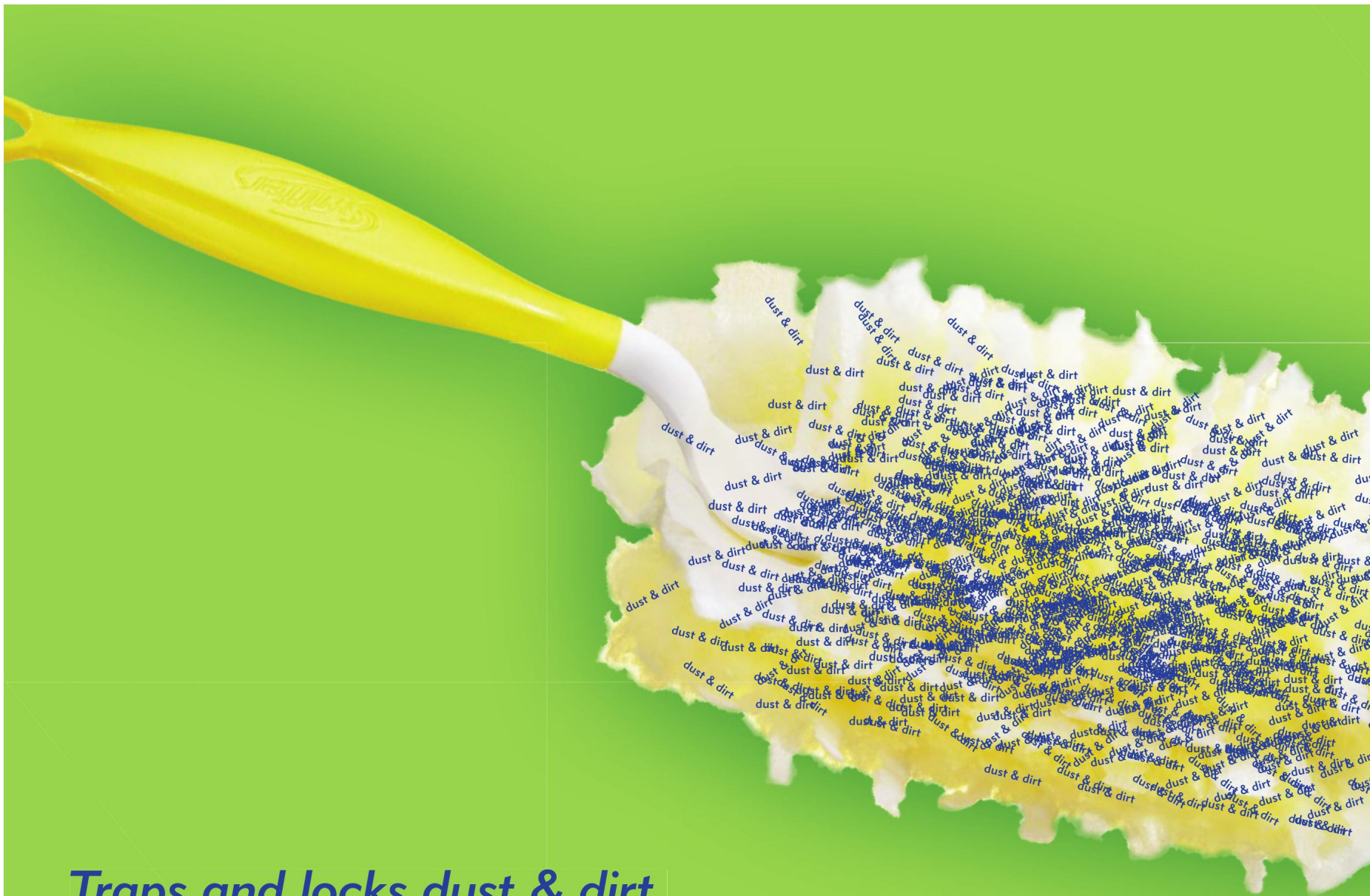
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